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1. There were three or four Americans among the prisoners at Karaganda. One was called "Sorj" (sic: possibly George) by his fellow prisoners, and, according to rumors, he had been arrested in Poland in 1947 as an American spy and sentenced to forced labor. In 1947, Sorj was 38 years old, tall, and with a dark complexion like "that of Spaniards or Turks". He was an agricultural specialist by profession and could speak Russian.
2. The name of another American in the camp at Karaganda was Antonesik (sic). He was about 165 cm tall, blond, and about 28 years old in 1945. It was said that he had been kidnapped by the Soviets in Berlin in 1945 and convicted as an American spy. He liked to paint pictures and could speak Russian.
3. [redacted] Abbas (sic), the only other American in the camp [redacted] was about 45 years old in 1947, of medium height, and brunette. He had black eyes and wore eyeglasses. He carried his head leaning a little to the right and facing down. He could speak Russian.

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